

Statement by Thomas H. Kean, Chair, and Lee H. Hamilton, Vice Chair of the 9-11 Commission

February 10, 2004 — We want to announce the implementation of an agreement with the White House on the question of Presidential Daily Briefs, or PDBs.

This agreement has enabled the Commission Review Team to report back to the full Commission on all PDBs of critical importance to the Commission's work.

The Commission Review Team, consisting of Commissioner Gorelick and Executive Director Zelikow, worked long hours and did superb work. It reviewed all—we repeat, all—PDBs responsive to the Commission's document requests. This access to PDBs is unprecedented.

The Team prepared a detailed report on all PDBs of critical importance to the Commission's mandate. We are confident that the Commission has obtained an account of all PDBs that relate to the al Qaeda threat and the events of September 11. We are confident that we can prepare a strong and credible report.

We want to commend the Review Team for its outstanding leadership in completing this task.